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In re the Application of: **Loscalzo et al**

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

I. Introductory Comments

This response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated July 17, 2006, for which a response is due on or before October 17, 2006.

No fee is believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0219 to maintain the pendency of the present application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

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